



Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

JECVO Presentation

February 3, 2016

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Agenda

- Cemeteries/Burial Honors
- Legislative Agenda
- Homeless Program
- Women Veteran Program
- News & 2015 Upcoming Events
- Nursing Facilities



Kentucky Veterans Cemetery

KENTUCKY STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

(INTERMENTS SINCE INCEPTION) *AS OF: November 30, 2015* (FY 2016)

FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	TOTALS
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Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North



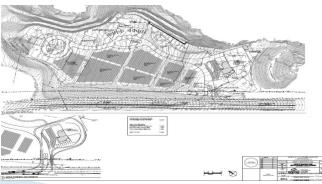


Kentucky Veterans Cemetery South East

As of: December 31, 2015

- Suitable parcel of land purchased by Leslie County.
- Major improvements completed in August 2015.
- Title deeded to the state in September 2015.
- Initial kickoff meeting with State Cemetery Grant Service November 30, 2015.
- Master Plan for design to be submitted for review in January 2016.







Cemeteries Capitol Projects

Expansion Grants for FY 2017

- **KVCW** Construction of a second columbarium wall with an additional 1,000 niches for cremations. Projected cemetery usage of 10 additional years.
 - Estimated federal grant \$625,000
- KVCC Establishment of new burial sections creating an additional 3,500 in-ground plots. Also, the construction of a second columbarium wall with 800 additional niches for cremations. Projected cemetery usage of 10 additional years.
 - Estimated federal grant \$4,471,000

Burial Honors Stipend Program

As of: December 2015



FY 15 Honors

- 2,564 performed
- \$144,739 expended

FY 16 Honors

- 1,320 performed
- \$74,710 expended



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2016 Legislative Issues

- ▶ HRJ 76 Designate the Honor and Remember Flag as an emblem of the service and sacrifice by the brave men and women of the US Armed Forces who have given their lives in the line of duty. 27 Jan − Posted in Committee
- ▶ HR 40 Urge the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and Kentucky's United States Congressional delegation to take the appropriate steps to get the approval and funding necessary for the construction of a veterans center in Magoffin County, Kentucky. 27 Jan Reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar.

- ▶ HB 127 Act relating to academic credit for military experience.
 - Require the Council on Postsecondary Education to develop and implement a statewide policy for public postsecondary education institutions to provide academic credit for military service and training for active duty members, Reserves, National Guard, as well as veterans of the US Armed Forces. 14 Jan – Posted in Committee
- ▶ HB 225 Act relating to occupational licensure for military service members and veterans.
 - Require administrative bodies to issue professional licenses or certificates to military service members or veterans within two years of an honorable discharge if the training received by the service member or veteran could reasonably be expected to provide the necessary experience and skills; grant the administrative body the right to deny licensure or certification if training is not equivalent; allow appeal rights; require administrative bodies to promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act. 14 Jan Posted in Committee

- ▶ SB 52 Act relating to alternative certification programs.
 - Allow a veteran with a bachelor's degree in any area to be issued a provisional teaching certificate if other criteria are met. 25 Jan Sent to Education (H)
- ▶ SB 92/FN Act relating to veteran-owned businesses.
 - Define a veteran and veteran-owned business; to exempt veteran-owned businesses from paying filing fees to the Secretary of State's office for filing various business documents; exempt a veteran-owned business from paying the filing fee for annual reports and amended annual reports for four years after the initial registration of the business. 19 Jan Sent to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

- ▶ SB 104 Act relating to special license plates.
 - Establish a Gold Star Sons and Gold Star Daughters special license plate, set fees; to require presentation of eligibility for a Gold Star Sons or Daughters license plate and to update the list of plates to be perpetually produced. Effective 1/1/17 19 Jan Sent to Transportation (S)
- ▶ SB 128 Act relating to women veterans.
 - Permit the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs to promulgate administrative regulations for the Women Veterans Program. 19 Jan Sent to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

- ▶ HB 183 Act relating to disabled veteran-owned businesses.
 - Provide for a disabled veteran-owned business certification program; define "disabled veteran" and disabled veteran-owned business; require the Office of Equial Employment Opportunity and Contract Compliance to establish guidelines for the certification program and application process through the promulgation of administrative regulations. 14 Jan Posted in Committee

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- It is estimated that more than 600 Kentucky veterans are homeless
- Approximately 12% of homeless adults are veterans
- ▶ 51% of homeless veterans have disabilities
- ▶ 50% have serious mental illness
- ▶ 70% have substance abuse problems

- KVDA works closely with organizations such as HUD/VASH and the SSVF programs to quickly house and case manage homeless veterans once they are identified.
- KDVA screens all veterans for possible benefits for which they may be eligible including VA benefits, Social Security, healthcare, education assistance, employment assistance, and more

Veterans Treatment and Transition

- There are several veteran treatment and transition programs in Kentucky. These facilities are grant per diem programs and work to help veterans overcome obstacles that may interfere with success once they are placed into permanent housing. Veterans may remain in these facilities for up to 2 years.
 - ❖ Louisville 144 beds with 4 female beds and 2 family units
 - ❖ Lexington 108 beds (male and female)
 - ❖ Hopkinsville 50 beds (male only)
 - ❖ Pikeville 27 beds (male only)

Please contact the Homeless Veteran Coordinator for assistance with applications for these program.

Homeless Veteran Outreach Program Emergency Financial Assistance

- > To provide a small once-time assistance to qualifying veterans to obtain or maintain housing
- May not be other than honorably discharge, must be a Kentucky resident, meet income requirements, must show that without this assistance they will remain or become homeless, and must show that they will be able to sustain their housing or utilities in the future.

Striving to Keep Homeless Veterans Warm

- Have distributed over 600 emergency blankets to law enforcement and other emergency responders in the areas surrounding Frankfort and Lexington.
- Delivered 200 blankets to the VFW in Radcliff for the Red Cross.
- Donated 30 winter coats to Sheppards Hands new women veteran transition home.
- Donated 25 coats to Leestown Homeless Veteran Transitional Treatment Facility.

Upcoming Events

- Joining Community Forces meetings
 - Feb 12 Burlington
 - Feb 15 Prestonsburg
 - Feb 16 Ashland
 - Feb 17 Lexington
 - Feb 18 h Murray (18th)
 - March 3 Briefing National Guard Family Assistance in Frankfort

Future:

Planning Kentucky Veterans Benefit Resource Fairs in several regions of the state for the coming summer and fall.

Work with Kentucky Housing Corporation to recruit landlords in 87 rural counties of Kentucky so we may better utilize VETT vouchers in those counties.

Emergency Blankets

Cold weather is here. KDVA has a supply of emergency blankets for the homeless. Please contact the Homeless Veteran Coordinator to obtain some of these blankets if you know of veterans in need. We also currently have hats, gloves and socks, and a few coats.



Trina Patty Homeless Veteran Coordinator 502-352-3120

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Women Veterans Program

Latest Accomplishments:

- Western Kentucky Regional Women Veteran Conference
 - Conference held at WKU Knicely Center-Bowling Green, KY
 - Date: April 30th 8am-lpm
 - Keynote speaker Lt. Gov Jenean Hampton
- Eastern Kentucky Regional Women Veteran Conference
 - Location and Date-TBD
 - Will be held in Fall 2016
- Statewide Women Veterans Conference will be in Spring 2017
- Lady Vet Connect
 - Women from the Women advisory committee established group
 - Lady Vets Connect was created to connect Lady Veterans and Supporters.
 - 1st Lady Vet Connect Meet & Greet in Lexington, KY Jan 30th
 - Will host Lady Vet Connect Meet & Greet in Northern, KY mid summer 2016

KY Women Veterans UNITED! 2016 Calendar

Upcoming: Women Veterans Calendar

- ➤ 30 Jan-Lady Vet Connect Meet & Greet
- ▶3 Feb-VA "Go Red for Women
- ▶ 4 Feb-Women Advisory Committee Meeting
- ▶12 Feb-Faces of Athena-Portrait Series for Local Military Women
- ▶17 & 18 Feb-Kentucky National Guard Victim Advocates Conference
- ➤ 20 Feb-WKU Military Appreciation Night
- ▶5 March-4Th Annual Shining the Light on Military Women-NABVETS

KY Women Veterans UNITED!

Future:

- Continue to establish the needs of women across the Commonwealth
- Make strides in rural areas of Kentucky
- Continue to develop & establish housing for homeless women veterans

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NEWS

KDVA Veterans Youth Council

- Assembled gunlocks for distribution for KDVA
- Passed out gunlocks at the Kentucky State Fair
- Participated in the Welcome Home Celebration for the Honor Flight

Bluegrass at Bluegrass Airport

- Donation of craft items to THVC
- Christmas visit to THVC to pass out cards.







Upcoming Events & News

- Feb. 2 Lexington VAMC Briefing
- February 3 Frankfort, KY: JECVO Meeting
- February 3 Lexington, KY: Women Veterans Health Open House
- February 3 Frankfort, KY: VFW Auxiliary National President Visit
- February 15 19: National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week
- March 11 Elizabethtown, KY: Agent Orange Town Hall Meeting
- March 19 Erlanger, KY: VFW Joint Session
- March 19 Maysville, KY: KY Society Children of the American Revolution
- April 30 Bowling Green, KY: Western KY Region Women Veterans Conference

Field Representatives

1 - Ron McClure 2 - Jenny Fisher 3 - Hope King 4 - Lisa, Matt and Renita 5 - Eileen Ward 6 - Carol Livingston 7 - Penny Craig 8 - Brian Bowman Mason 9 - Stephen Buford Henry 10 - Lee Gordley Harrison Nicholas Carter 11 - Frank Niederriter Franklin Scott Bourbon Shelby 12 - Todd Young Lawrence ayette 14 - Randy Roberts Menifee Bullitt 15 - Linda Knighton Morgan Johnson Martin 16 - Bill Farmer Powell Breckinridge Wolfe Estill 17 - Johnny Allen Hardin **Daviess** Floyd 18 - Missy Hall Breathitt Grayson 2 McLean Jackson Owsley Ohio Knott Rockcastle Casey Crittenden Taylor **Hopkins** Clay Edmonson Muhlenberg Pulaski Laure 9 16 Ballard Barren 3 McCracken 6 Warren Metcalfe Russell Christian Carlisle Marshall Logan Cumberland Wayne Graves Clinton Whitley McCreary

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Thank You JECVO!!!!!



Current Issues/Topics

- Current Demographics, Facility Information
- Radcliff Construction Update
- Bowling Green Project Status, Magoffin County resolution
- Application Changes/pending new form
- Staffing/Recruitment Efforts
- Wrap Up

Current Demographics (Carlos this ones for you!)

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2	Total Females:	9	3	2	14	3%		
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3	# covered by Medicare Part A	4	6	6	16	3%		
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4	# covered by Medicare Part B	40	9	9	58	13%		
5	# covered by Medicaid	90	58	46	194	42%		
6	Total Vacant beds	53	7	39	99	18%		
	SCU Vacant beds	9	3	2	14	14%		
	Gen Vacant beds	44	4	37	85	86%		
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	Total Deaths: FY/15-16 YTD	75	15	25	115			
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	Gen Deaths FY/15-16 YTD	68	14	15	97	84%		
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10	Total Admissions Waiting List:	5	2	0	7			
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	Gen List	5	0	1	6	86%		
11	Free Meds	74	32	46	152	33%		
12	70% Service Connected	40	23	25	89	19%		
	and above							
13	All Service Connected	52	31	34	117	25%		
	Disability	1						
						07707		
14	Medicare Part B	200	93	110	403	87%		
15	Besidents with Spanses	69	31	45	145	31%		
10	Residents with Spouses	69	31	45	145	31%		
16	Max Charge (\$3,700)	96	20	44	160	35%		
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18	Ex-POWs	1	3	1	5	1%		
	Total Filled FT Positions	307	165	187	659	86%		
	Total Allocated FT Positions	387	168	210	765			





Thomson-Hood Veterans Center Wilmore, KY

- 232 Residents in house (232/285) 5 admissions this week**previous delayed admissions (5 on active list, all in other healthcare settings)
- 73 Admissions YTD (FY 2016)
- 75 discharges/deaths YTD (FY 2016)
- 307/387 Positions filled
- Eisenhower unit for replacement project underway
- •Fishing Pond Project started (hope to build with only dontated funds)

 As of January 29, 20162
- •MAJ Ben Sweger USA(Ret) Facility Administrator



Western Kentucky Veterans Center Hanson, KY

- 117 Residents in house (117/156)
- 25 discharges/deaths YTD FY2016
- 31 admissions YTD FY2016 One scheduled this week
- Flooring Project/Replacement almost completed
- 187/210 Filled positions
- Mental Health Collaboration VA, CBOC
- LaDonna Scott,
 Facility Administrator

As of January 29, 2016





Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center Hazard, KY

- 113 Residents in house (113/120) Bed locked, 2 on waiting list
- 165/168 Positions filled (no nursing positions open)
- Flooring Project/Replacement
- 15 Discharges/Deaths YTD FY 2016
- 24 Admissions YTD FY 2016

Neil Napier,
 Facility Administrator

As of January 29, 2016



Radcliff Overview Israel Ray, Administrator

- Sits on 193 acres donated by Ft. Knox. The campus sits on approximately 19 acres
- 158,000 square foot campus, 120 total beds
- A community building and 4 neighborhoods, including a memory care neighborhood and one with in the wall oxygen and suction
- Each neighborhood has 3 households . A Neighborhood is home to 30 veterans (27,000 sq ft) Each household houses 10 veterans in private suites with private bathrooms
- Private enclosed courtyards, covered porches and entrances to each household
- · Country kitchen dining services along with spacious activity and lounge areas in each household
- 390 square feet for each standards suite, 500 square feet for special needs suites

Radcliff Veterans Center



RADCLIFF VETERANS CENTER

TEMPORARY USE AND OCCUPANCY: MAY 08, 2016

RESIDENT OCCUPANCY: JULY 07, 2016

SUBSTANITAL COMPLETION: AUGUST 06, 2016

FINIALCOMPLETION: SEPTEMBER 05, 2016

These dates reflect a 15 day extension that has been approved.

To be placed on the admission list email the following information to Brooke Groves at brooke.groves@ky.gov and give her:

Contact name

Contact number

Email

Veterans Name

Current Location

You will receive notification when the facility starts actively taking application information.

















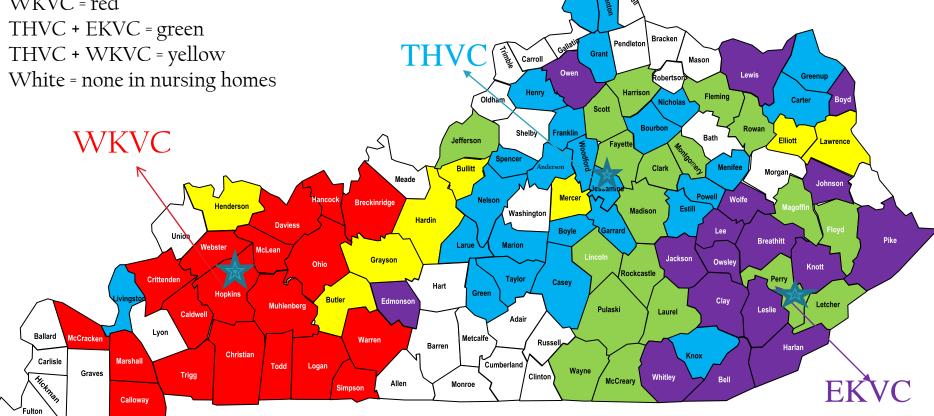


Service by County

THVC = light blue

EKVC = purple

WKVC = red



Bowling Green Construction Application Update

99	27-034	MN	Minneapolis	Renovation: Pharmacy Remodel	5.F	\$1,313,413	\$795,577,381
100	29-041	CM	St. James	Renovation: Chapel and Pavilion	5.F	\$1,012,657	\$796,590,038
101	04-006	AZ.	Flagstaff	New Construction: 120 Bed Facility	6.0	\$18,525,000	\$815,115,038
102	47-010	TN	Memphis	New Construction: 140 Bed Facility	8.0	\$11,533,000	\$826,648,038
103	18-001	IN-	Lafayette	New Construction: 65 Bed Facility	8.0	\$7,990,000	\$834,638,038
104	06-060	CA	Yountville	New Construction: 280 Bed Facility	8.0	\$87,540,174	\$922,178,212
105	17-045	IL	Anna	New Construction: 44 Bed Facility	8.0	\$11,895,000	\$934,073,212
106	41-006	OR	Roseburg	New Construction: 154 Bed Facility	8.0	\$23,997,596	\$958,070,808
107	24-008	MD	Fort Howard	New Construction: 120 Bed facility	8.0	\$40,583,935	\$998,654,743
108	15-002	HI	Honokulu	New Construction: 120 Bed Facility	8.0	\$40,358,357	\$1,039,013,100
109	21-022	KY	Bowling Green	New Construction: 90 Bed Facility	8.0	\$19,500,000	\$1,058,513,100
Total Priority Group 2-8 Applications \$507,928,765							

Magoffin County Resolution



HR40 16RS

WWW Version

The hyperlink to a bill draft that precedes a summary contains the most recent version (Introduced/GA/Enacted) of the bill, if the session has ended, the hyperlink contains the latest version of the bill at the time of sine die adjournment. Note that the summary pertains to the bill as introduced, which is often different from the most recent version.

HR40 (BR952) - J. Short, G. Stumbo

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Jan 11, 2016 - introduced in House

Jan 12, 2016 - to Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Safety (H)

Jan 14, 2016 - posted in committee

Jan 27, 2016 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar

Jan 28, 2016 - 2nd reading, to Rules; posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for Monday, February 1, 2016

Feb 01, 2016 - 3rd reading, adopted 92-0

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Application Process Changes

- The 16 page application required under different circumstances will be "retired"
- Shifts process/burden to State Veteran Home staff instead of veteran/family
- Still need a DD-214 or equivalent along with proof of Kentucky residency (<u>Please send in immediately to admission staff</u>)

Application/Admission Protocol after testing is completed

- Go to www.veterans.ky.gov
- Click on the admission tab for the appropriate State Veterans Home
- Online form (see slide)
- Hit Finish
- Admission staff will call no later than the next business day
- If you don't have a computer, you can call and provide the information





secure.test.kentucky.gov/formservices/EKVC/ApplicationInquiry



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Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center



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Application Inquiry

* Veteran's Current Location

Located in the beautiful mountains of Southeastern Kentucky, the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center is a 120 bed long-term care facility providing skilled nursing care and rehabilitation for Kentucky veterans. Our facility is comprised of 3 nursing units. Our 30 bed unit located on the first floor is a secured unit. We have two nursing units upstairs for skilled/intermediate care that are 45 beds each. Our mission is "We are committed to serving Kentucky's veterans by fostering independence, preserving dignity and providing compassionate care."

* Contact Person's Name	
* Contact Person's Phone	
	Ex: 555-555-5555
Contact Person's Email Address	
	Ex: example@kentucky.gov
* Veteran's Name	

Turnover, Openings and Advertising

- ► EKVC 14% Turnover 0 open nursing positions, advertising costs \$925
- ▶ WKVC 44% Turnover 31 open nursing positions, advertising costs \$6,200 spent on newspaper and online ads.
- ► THVC 27% Turnover 62 open nursing positions, advertising costs \$18,000. Spent on Jobs Magazine, Lexington Herald Leader, Advocate Communications, Woodford Sun, Yourmembership.com

Educational/Clinical Relationships at EKVC and WKVC

- Western Kentucky Veterans Center
 - Two local High Schools for nurse aide clinicals
 - Madisonville Health and Tech nursing and nurse aides
 - Daymar College nursing
 - Nurse Practitioner Clinicals on an individual basis
- Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center
 - Hazard Community and Technical College nurses and nurse aides
 - University of Kentucky Dieticians

Educational/Clinical Relationships Thomson-Hood Veterans Center

Program	School	#students/yr
Nurse Aide Training	Jessamine County Technical Center	30
Nurse Aide Training	Nurse Aide Training Center of Richmond	10 or less
Nurse Aide Training	HealthCarePro Training Center	10 or less
Medication Aide Training	KY Health Care Training Center	5 or less
RN/LPN candidates	BCTC-various locations	20-40+
Health Information Management Intern	Various schools (EKU)	1
Therapeutic Recreation Intern	Eastern Kentucky University	1
Master of Health Management Intern	University of Kentucky	1
Family Practice residency	University of Kentucky	5
Physician Assistant practicum	University of Kentucky	5
Chaplain internship	Asbury Theological Seminary	4

Current OKVC News www.veterans.ky.gov or 502-564-9281

Spousal Admission

Fishing Pond at THVC

Full E.H.R. implementation

- Improve Access for Veterans, decrease admission time
- Outreach to veterans and Increased NASVH VSOs as soon as the online application goes live

participation, Executive Committee Involvement